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Rotary Family Fun Day

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Innisfil Examiner

The Innisfil Rotary Club's Family Fun Day, held at the Innisfil Recreation Complex on June 21, was a real celebration of community.

Families were invited to come down and meet representatives of every community service imaginable: from Innisfil Fire & Rescue, South Simcoe police and the Simcoe County paramedics, to Crime Stoppers, the Innisfil Historical Society, Stroud Curling Club, Innisfil Community Church, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, Skating Club, Gilford and Innisfil Lions Clubs, the Innisfil Public Library, and many others.

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An adventurous youngster checks out the gyroscope at the Innisfil Rotary Club's Family Fun Day, held Saturday, June 21 at the Innisfil Recreational Complex, a free day of fun for families.

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Huronia Symphony Orchestra will perform Innisfil

Special to the Innisfil Examiner

This week marked an important new partnership between the Huronia Symphony Orchestra (HSO) and Innisfil.

For over 47 years the HSO has been thrilling audiences with the wonderful sounds of orchestral music. Now, under the leadership of board president John Hemsted, an energetic board of directors, a new image, and a new strategic approach to expanding audiences, they have turned their sites on performing in Innisfil for the first time.

The proposed venue for at least one concert starting in 2015 will be at the Innisfil Community Church.

Members of the HSO met with Pastor Howard Courtney and Deputy Mayor Dan Davidson for a site visit that exceeded expectations.

"For Innisfil, a key component for a thriving community is placing emphasis on the arts," Davidson said. "The HSO promises to deliver an exciting new infusion that blends art, culture and heritage".

The symphony has up to 60 members so a thorough assessment of the stage area was needed. Sound quality was also put to the test, along with a tour of the remaining facilities, some of which will become 'green-rooms' pre and post-performances.

The assessment was carried out primarily by the HSO's most esteemed member musical director and conductor, Oliver Balaburski, who gave the Innisfil Community Church site an overall two thumbs up.

Colin Wilson, vice-president of the HSO board of directors, couldn't be more pleased at the outcome of today's meeting. Wilson, who also sits on the Innisfil Arts, Culture and Heritage Council considers, "the move to bring the HSO to Innisfil as just one more hallmark reason to choose Innisfil as the place to be, live and do business".

Until the 2015/16 concert series is fully developed, several concerts can be attended in and around the County of Simcoe for a very attractive price. Visit: www.huroniasymphony.ca for details.

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Plans are in the works for the Huronia Symphony Orchestra (HSO) to perform at the Innisfil Community Church next year. Pastor Howard Courtney, from left, Deputy Mayor Dan Davidson, HSO vice-president Colin Wilson and HSO musical director and conductor Oliver Balaburski checked out the church recently.

How Should You Take Title?

If you are purchasing property now or any time in the future, one of the things you will need to consider is how you will take title to the property. If you are the sole purchaser, then obviously the property will be registered in your sole name. But what if you are taking title with someone else, like a family member?

There are two options available when title is being transferred to more than one transferee.

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Tenants in Common

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- If one T/C dies his interest does not pass to the other Ts/C, but to his Beneficiary under his Will or to his estate.
- Even if owners own unequal shares, all owners have the right to occupy and use all of the property.
- A T/C can apply to the court to 'partition' the property, or sell the entire property and distribute the net proceeds of sale proportionately.
- A T/C arrangement is ideal for purchasing property with someone for investment purposes, or where there is an uneven amount of money from each person to go towards the purchase of the property.

If you will be taking title with someone else, be sure to review and discuss the options, before deciding which option is better for you in light of all the circumstances.

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ROAD RAGE LEADS TO CHARGES

ALCONA – Road rage after a minor, two-car crashed Tuesday led to assault and threatening charges against an Innisfil man.

South Simcoe police say the crash took place at about 4:30 p.m. at the corner of Innisfil Beach Road and Adullam Avenue.

But one driver grabbed the other and threatened him with bodily harm, police said.

A passed motorist saw this and called police.

A 56-year-old man was arrested and charged. He was later released on condition he stay away from the other driver, and with an August court date.

CHILD WITH IMPAIRED DRIVER

ALCONA – An Innisfil man with a child in his vehicle was arrested for impaired driving Saturday evening.

South Simcoe police on radar patrol at about 8:50 p.m. spotted a speeding vehicle on Innisfil Beach Road, near Jans Boulevard.

It was stopped by police, and while an officer was speaking to the driver an odour of alcohol was detected.

The driver failed a roadside breath test, police said.

Officers waited until a family member arrived to pick up the child.

A 27-year-old man was taken to North Division and charged for driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol in his system.

His driver's licence is suspended for 90 days, his vehicle was towed and will be impounded for seven days. He has a July court date in Bradford.

POLICE SEEKING STOLEN BACKHOE

INNISFIL – Anyone seen a backhoe?

Sometime after 9 p.m. Sunday, a backhoe was stolen from a farm on County Road 27, north of Cookstown, say South Simcoe police. The 1998 John Deere was driven south from the property, say police.

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opinion

Deb Matthews awarded for failure

Premier Kathleen Wynne Tuesday promoted Deb Matthews, who presided over the health ministry during much of the Ornge scandal, to the most important financial post in her new cabinet.

It was a classic example of political incompetence being rewarded because of personal loyalty to the leader.

Matthews sacrificed her own ambitions to become premier to declare early for Wynne in the Liberal leadership race that replaced Dalton McGuinty.

Matthews was rewarded with the high-profile posts of deputy premier and co-chair of the 2014 Liberal election campaign. Now, following Wynne's majority government victory June 12, she's appointed Matthews as chair of Treasury Board with greatly expanded powers.

Wynne is handing the all-important job of negotiating new public sector labour contracts to Matthews, in the context of her soon-to-be introduced Liberal budget, which Wynne says contains no provision for salary increases.

By appointing Matthews, her staunchest political ally to this task, Wynne hopes to send out the message she's serious about getting the province's finances under control, which the Liberals messed up in the first place.

This despite the big IOUs Wynne owes these unions for spending millions of dollars on anti-Tory (and thus pro-Liberal) attack ads during the election.

We hope Matthews accomplishes the task she's been given, since it will be key to delivering Wynne's promise to eliminate Ontario's current $12.5 billion deficit by 2017-2018. The problem is Matthews appeared to be locked in the bathroom for most of the Ornge air ambulance scandal as hundreds of millions of tax dollars were wasted — prompting an ongoing OPP investigation. In addition, up to 12 deaths have been linked to Ornge.

As for the rest of Wynne's appointments, they were typical of a government that has just won a majority.

No one was booted from Wynne's pre-election cabinet and a couple of cabinet rookies were appointed to key positions.

Scarborough-Guildwood MPP Mitzi Hunter becomes associate finance minister responsible for delivering on Wynne's promise to create a mandatory Ontario pension plan by 2017.

Vaughan MPP Steven Del Duca becomes transportation minister, responsible for delivering the $29 billion transit and transportation infrastructure program Wynne promised before the election.

We wish them luck. They'll need it.

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Column

Vibrant agri-food sector hinges on farmland preservation

LARRY DAVIS
Special to the Examiner

For Ontario farmers – and Ontarians who rely on local food - farmland is our greatest and most important resource. But despite the vast and diverse area of land that makes up Canada's second-largest province, less than 5% of it is suitable for food production. And once farmland is gone, it's never coming back.

Ontario's soils are classified based on their ability to grow crops. While there are seven classifications, Class 1 through 7 – but only Class 1 through 4 are capable of supporting crop production. Class 1 is the most productive soil and not typical of the majority of Ontario farmland. Classes 2 – 4 are less productive in descending order, but still capable of producing food, fibre and fuel.

But here's the problem: with growing urban centres and the need for more urban development, Ontario is losing more than 350 acres of farmland every day. If this loss rate continues, Ontario farmers will be unable to meet the growing demand for food in Canada and around the world.

And as a non-renewable resource, productive farm land will be lost forever.

That's why the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is calling for the protection of Class 1, 2, 3 and 4 – the land that supports most agricultural activity. The OFA is also calling on government to protect a farmer's ability to farm when urban expansion and aggregate extraction are occurring on or next to a farm. The OFA has made clear recommendations to the Ontario government on land conservation – including the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Greenbelt Plan.

It's all part of OFA's farmland preservation and land use policy, as outlined at www.ofa.on.ca.

To help raise awareness about issues like farmland preservation, OFA has launched a series of online videos. OFA's most recent video provides background information about land use issues, and explains specifically what OFA is asking of its provincial government to help preserve farmland.

As Ontario farmers, we have a significant interest in ensuring public policy does not destroy our most valuable resource.

We look forward to working with the newly-elected majority Liberal government to expand the definition of prime agricultural land, and put measures in place that protect farmland.

We can't operate prosperous and sustainable farms without adequate land.

OFA has a proud history of working with like-minded organizations on research, education and policy development to further strengthen and protect Ontario farmland.

Without the preservation of farmland and water resources, Ontario's growth and sustainability is in jeopardy.

Larry Davis is director for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture

Letters

Clean electricity system needed

Ontario needs to continue with its investment in a clean electricity system that will provide us with much-needed flexibility to align our electricity supply needs with changing economic and environmental circumstances.

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It is vital for Ontarians to understand, as confirmed by Power Advisory LLC , that wind energy accounted for only 5% of the increase in Ontario's electricity bills between 2009 and 2012, and is not a key driver of rising electricity bills.

The bulk of rising rates is a result of necessary upgrades to power generation plants and transmission systems.

Any political party that advocates a shift away from wind energy has yet to demonstrate how their proposals will address the challenges of providing what Ontarians want: clean, affordable, safe new electricity supply.

To get the facts visit: windfact.ca.

Brandy Giannetta
Canadian Wind Energy Association
Mississauga

Refurbished Rotary Club of Innisfil train back on track

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

The Rotary Club of Innisfil unveiled its newly refurbished Rotary train at the club's annual Family Fun Day on Saturday and a long list of supporters and contributors were recognized.

First and foremost on the list were Barrie Rotarians John Bamford and Andrew O'Connor Fenton, whose company, Stainless Outfitter, first fabricated the Candy Cane Express and donated the train to the newly-formed Innisfil club in 2010.

Since that initial donation, the train has become a symbol of the Innisfil Rotary Club's community participation, brought out for special events, festivals and parades.

But there's no denying that, by the time of the 2013 Innisfil Santa Claus Parade in Alcona, the train was looking tired and drab, and had maintenance issues.

That's when new Rotarian Richard Ratté entered the picture.

For 29 years, Ratté worked in the poultry sector, as vice-president of production and operations for Butterball Turkeys. "Through that whole career, it was just plant project after plant project - getting it all together, sweating through all the details, wondering if it would all come together, and then on opening day it was just a wonderful experience," he says.

It was something he was good at, and something he enjoyed - so being asked to take on the refurbishment of the train was right up his alley, if on a smaller scale.

He applied the same principles, the same logistics to the train project, beginning by bringing on board as many helpers and experts as he could, to ensure that the job was done right and on time, before the June 21 Fun Day.

Fellow Rotarians made up a work crew that stripped the train down to its metal frame, sanded, repaired welds, repainted, replaced the plywood and ensured the structure was sound . The team included Harry Jones - who also found a bell for the train; Jeff Hellings; Barry Rutledge, Al Gilchrist, Brian Geddes, Rick Ellesmere, Janet and Ken Morozuk, Warren Baguley, and Jason Reynar.

Doug Weber was "a lifesaver for me," said Ratté. "All the mechanical stuff I couldn't do, he did for me" - and found a train whistle down in Florida, shipping it north in time for the opening.

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From the red and white Candy Cane Express, to the classic look of Engine #83360, the Rotary Club of Innisfil has completely refurbished and repainted their train and provided rides at the Rotary Family Fun Day on Saturday.

Beverly Tire & Auto in Barrie donated the new tires and rims, Decorator's Edge Benjamin Moore Paints in Bradford donated hundreds of dollars in paint, Mario Trepani of Mario Design in Barrie made the reflective Rotary logos to decorate the train, and personal friend, artist Carol Hill, designed a classic color scheme, of red, black and gold, and with the help of "apprentice" Cheryl Ratté, painted the train - including 480 hand-painted "rivets" to add character.

In all, the effort took 1,700 hours of volunteer labour - but judging by the delighted looks on the faces of the children and their parents who lined up to ride the No. 83360 train, it was worth it all.

(The number, painted on the engine, is the number of the Innisfil Rotary Club.)

"The best part, is we had fun," says Ratté. "We're very proud of it."

On June 21, at the Innisfil Recreation Complex, Innisfil Mayor Barb Baguley - also a Rotarian - helped cut the ribbon, to relaunch the refurbished train, joined by dozens of club members. "Four years ago, somebody said Rotary would never survive in Innisfil - and look at this!" she said.

Parking spots at Innisfil Beach Park set aside for residents

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

Residents of Innisfil will have their own parking lot at Innisfil Beach Park, and woe to any outsider who parks in Lot B, from June 28 to Sept. 28.

Vehicles without a resident's tag on display, parked in one of the 71 spaces adjacent to the Concession Stand, will be towed.

The decision to approve residents-only parking at Innisfil Beach Park on Lake Simcoe grew out of complaints that the park is so crowded during the summer months that it is impossible for the taxpayers who built the facility to find a parking space.

Mayor Barb Baguley first brought forward the motion, asking staff to look at the logistics of a residents only parking area. The report was presented on June 18 along with a price tag: $1,000 for new signage explaining that the lot is for Innisfil residents only, and $7,680 to hire security and patrol the lot turn away non-residents.

"I'm satisfied it's a good move for the residents of Innisfil," said Baguley. But several councillors were concerned about the increase to the budget.

Coun. Doug Lougheed objected to spending nearly $8,000 to hire someone "to sit at the entrance to 71 spaces." He suggested that it would only take existing staff "5 minutes to see who doesn't and who has a resident's tag."

Mel Milanovic, superintendent of parks and facilities, pointed out that the department has only three staff in the park on a weekend who may be dealing with 3,000 visitors per day.

"They're limited in the duties they can do," he told council. "They find it very difficult to go around and check parking tags." Director of legal services Jason Reynar also pointed out that the municipality has only two by-law enforcement officers on weekends for the entire municipality. They carry out a sweep of the park two times a day.

And since the designation of the lot for residents only represents a change in the rules, it was suggested that it would be advisable to have someone in authority on hand to explain the new situation to visitors, instead of towing the vehicles of visiting families.

Lougheed was still opposed. "We don't put guards out at any other area that is problematic," he said. "I think the signs are going to be good enough."

Coun. Richard Simpson was also opposed. "Obviously there are some issues," he said, noting cost of signage, supervision and lost revenues which could bring the total cost to $34,000. "I can't support this."

In a recorded vote, council voted 6 to 2 in favour of establishing the residents only lot, and paying the money for signage and a security guard.

The residents only parking lot will be up and running by June 28.

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Lot's to do at Innisfil Rotary's Family Fun Day

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There were games, crafts and prizes, a free barbecue cooked up by the Enbridge Community Team, free popcorn from the Innisfil Lions, and free rides on the refurbished Innisfil Rotary Club train.

Innisfil Hydro not only brought along information on energy conservation, but a 'gyroscope' that saw kids and adults lined up for a ride.

Pasta Plus Restaurant held its 2nd annual Spaghetti Eating Competition, raising funds for the YMCA's Strong Kids Campaign, which ensures that all kids have an opportunity to participate in YMCA Programs. Twenty-two contestants signed up in advance, paying a $10 entry free for the opportunity to see how much they could eat in one minute without using any utensils.

"Try to keep the food on the plate," said Anthony Abate, owner of Pasta Plus.

The loudest cheers came during an 'eat-off' that saw South Simcoe police, firefighters and members of Innisfil town council — Counc. Doug Lougheed and Mayor Barb Baguley — sitting down at the same table.

Const. Rob Enwright demonstrated a cramming technique that he confessed he "learned from the kids," but only came in third.

Lougheed, who quietly ate his way through the mound of cold spaghetti and sauce, was second. It was firefighter Justin Arts who won the round, leaving less than six ounces on his plate.

As for the mayor, she delicately devoured a single strand of spaghetti, ignoring the chaos around her, opting for quality instead of quantity.

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TOP LEFT: Anthony Abate, owner of Pasta Plus Restaurant in Alcona, prepares to start the stopwatch for Round 4 of the spaghetti eating contest at the Innisfil Rotary Club's Family Fun Day, pitting South Simcoe police against firefighters and Innisfil Mayor Barb Baguley (centre). TOP: Janice Belshaw, an administrative clerk with the City of Barrie, built a 'mini-city' to demonstrate just how the public works department keeps the public safe: everything from clearing streets to repairing traffic lights. The hands-on display has been touring elementary schools in Barrie and on Saturday it was at the Family Fun Day. ABOVE: The Innisfil Community Church invited kids to try mini-putt, just one of many community booths and activities.

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MIRIAM KING Innisfil Examiner

Stock car racing at Sunset International Speedway in Innisfil last September.

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The thrill of stock car racing is just around the corner, at the one-third mile paved oval of Sunset International Speedway.

The venue, located at 6918 Yonge St. between the 6th and 7th Lines of Innisfil, has seen numerous changes since it first opened in 1968 - and has hosted stock car racing greats, over the years, that include Mark Dilley, Peter Gibbons, Jr. Hanley, and the late, great Don Biederman. Biederman, who died in 1999, has been inducted in the Canadian Motorsport Hall of Fame.

This weekend, Sunset Speedway will be hosting the two-day Don Biederman Memorial Championship - two "epic" days of OSCAAR (Ontario Stock Car Association of Asphalt Racers) Super Late Model action on the short oval as well as OSCAAR Modifieds, a Pro Challenge Series, and Canadian Vintage Modifieds. Admission is $25 for adults each day; $20 for students and Seniors; free for kids under 11, and two-day passes are available at the door or online, at sunsetspeedway.ca

Doors open at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 28. The day begins with a mammoth pre-race autograph session at 5:30 p.m., featuring the likes of Jeff Hanley - Jr. Hanley's son, who will be racing in the Don Biederman Memorial - Brandon Watson, and Gary Elliott. Elliott will complete his 700th start on June 29, the first driver in Canada to reach that milestone - and there are a number of giveaways planned for the kids, to celebrate.

After the fan session, racing will include the Biederman 50 lap OSCAAR Super Late Model race, OSCAAR Modifieds and a Pro-Challenge Series.

On Sunday, June 29, the action includes the 50 lap OSCAAR Biederman Championship final, OSCAAR Modifieds, and Canadian Vintage Modifieds. The Don Biederman Memorial used to be a 1-day, 75 lap battle. Mark Dilley, stock car racer and now General Manager at Sunset, first split it into two races last year - with drivers vying for points, over 2 days and 100 laps.

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JUNE 28

Drawing & Plein Air Painting - painting out of doors! Learn basic drawing skills in an outdoor setting, including brushwork, composition, colour theory and tonal painting. Saturday, June 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. $45 per person ($35 with an annual pass to Scanlon), which includes all materials and entry to the park. Pre-register by contacting Wanda Black, 905-895-1281 or email w.black@lsrca.on.ca

JUNE 28

The Lefroy/Belle Ewart Royal Canadian Legion Canada Day Parade takes place on Saturday, June 28 at 1:30 p.m. There will be a service at the Cenotaph, the singing of O' Canada followed by a barbecue on the patio.

JUNE 28

Help keep Jeff Musson's memory alive by participating in the inaugural Jeff Musson Memorial Golf Tournament. Mark the date, June 28. The event will again be held at the Big Cedar Golf and Country Club in Lefroy. To purchase tickets for this year's tournament and help make it a success, call Laura Lee Moffatt at 1-289-231-3957, or e-mail her at lauraleemoffatt@gmail.com for information on donations, ticket prices, location and tournament information. Jeff's family greatly appreciates the participants support and encourages anyone to come to the event experience an amazing day of memories, fun and great prizes. All proceeds will go to the Canadian Liver Foundation.

JUNE 29

Sun, June 29, 2014 2:00 pm Let Your Spirit Soar - an afternoon of music, poetry and art in the acoustically dynamic Gilford United Church, Gilford. Featuring Wendy Hardman and musical friends Susan Sheard and Meade Helman. Sit back and listen, sing along or just rest from a busy week. Admission is free.

JULY 5

Stop Motion Animation. Nature will be your inspiration, as you learn animation using plasticine, to create a 1-minute animated film. Saturday, July 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. $45 per person ($35 with an annual pass to Scanlon), which includes all materials and entry to the park. Pre-register by contacting Wanda Black, 905-895-1281 or email w.black@lsrca.on.ca

JULY 7-10

EcoArt 4-Day Program, July 7-10 at the Nature Centre. Integrates all three workshops, over the 4-day program. Cost is $180 per person, $140 with an annual pass. All fees include materials, instruction and entry to Scanlon. Pre-register by contacting Wanda Black, 905-895-1281 or email w.black@lsrca.on.ca

JULY 12

EcoCity Design - exploring the basics of ecological design and sustainable living, incorporating green living tips for home and school. Work in small groups to create a conceptual plan and 3-D model. Saturday, July 12, from 1 to 4 p.m. $45 per person ($35 with an annual pass to Scanlon), which includes all materials and entry to the park. Pre-register by contacting Wanda Black, 905-895-1281 or email w.black@lsrca.on.ca

JULY 14

Gilford & District Horticultural Society meets Monday, July 14 at the Churchill Community Centre, 7:30 p.m. Judith Rogers, Master Gardener, will talk about Fairy Gardens - the newest trend! The Flower Show will include Lilies, Perennials, Flowering Shrubs, Special collection and Floral design. The Lily Award may be won.

JULY 16

A second PROBUS Club has formed in Bradford. PROBUS is a social club for retired and semi-retired people. Our next meeting is from 10am to 12 noon on Wednesday July 16th at St John's Presbyterian Church, 2040 10th side road, Bradford. The presentation entitled Positively Kind will discuss the benefits of having a positive mind. Coffee, tea and treats will be available and new members are welcome. For more information please contact Jill Sanderson at 705 290-0099 or Joanne MacLeod at 905 551-0942.

AUG. 2

Saturday, Aug. 2 St. John's Anglican Church in Cookstown is hosting their annual Steamshow Dinner (roast beef) from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Cookstown Curling Rink located behind the church. Come and join us for a great meal and fellowship. Adults - $17.00, Children Under 12 - $8.00, Under 5 - Free. For further information, please contact Diane at 705-458-2723.

Summer full of fun at Innisfil Public Library

The Innisfil Public Library is thrilled to announce that Fresh Air Flicks, a series of outdoor family movies, will be featured at Innisfil Beach Park again this summer. Films will be shown near the concession stand, at sundown or around 9:00 p.m. Admission is free, so bring along lawn chairs and blankets for an exciting family event.

The 2014 series includes:

Happy Feet: Wednesday, July 9 (rain date Thursday, July 10)

Footloose: Wednesday, July 23 (rain date Thursday, July 24)

Mary Poppins: Wednesday, August 6 (rain date Thursday, August 7)

The fun starts at 5 p.m. with music by Blues Meany, followed by activities for kids and Open Mic at 7 p.m. Aspiring performers are encouraged to bring their guitars and their voices!

Fresh Air Flicks has been made possible through the generous sponsorship of Bradley Homes, the Alcona Business Association, and the Cortel Group, as well as the continued support from the Town of Innisfil and Recreation Leisure Services Limited.

Based on the success of the community partnership model, the library will continue to schedule more flicks at the park, and will look into adding additional locations throughout Innisfil. Visit www.innisfil.library.on.ca or contact your local branch for more details.

The Innisfil Public Library is pleased to present a roster of talented local writers to speak in an engaging, entertaining and mouth-watering Books & Bites speaker series.

Books & Bites is an exciting opportunity for the community to interact and connect with notable novelists, at various restaurants throughout Innisfil. A scrumptious dessert and coffee, prepared by local chefs, is included in the cost of the $10 ticket per event. The four events scheduled this summer include:

Sharon Greer at The Fork & Plate (2383 25th Sideroad - Alcona)

See You in the Morning is Sharon's second book and is the true faith-based story of her friend Shirl. Be inspired by Shirl's story of courage in the face of a debilitating illness and how she drew on her faith to find peace and joy.

Friday, July 4, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Michael Walton at Iron Horse (1 Church St. – Cookstown)

As a police officer, Michael worked in specialized units tracking down and arresting hardened criminals. After a car crash he was unable to return to work, and instead turned his focus on completing a novel built on an idea planted in his mind 10 years prior.

Saturday July 12, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Brenda J. Wood a The Cove Café (902 Lockhart Rd. - Sandy Cove)

Former TV personality Brenda J. Wood has been an author and motivational speaker for more years than she cares to admit! Her faith-based books draw on her common-sense wisdom and quirky sense of humour to offer insights into life's struggles.

Saturday July 19, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

J.L. Witterick at Bruno's Bakery (808 Innisfil Beach Rd. – Alcona)

J.L. Witterick is a Canadian best-selling author who spends most of her summer holidays at her cottage in Innisfil. Her debut novel My Mother's Secret is being translated into nine languages and will be widely distributed in Asia and Europe. J.L. has donated 100% of the advance she received from Penguin Books to charities.

Saturday July 26, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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A good night's sleep is a vital part of maintaining good health. The amount of sleep that we require depends on few different things such as weather you work during the day and sleep at night or work at night and sleep during the day or whether you are physically active or not less active during your waking hours.

There are a number of factors that determine how much sleep you should be getting but your age is definitely the most important factor. Infants require twice as much sleep as an adult and usually sleep about 16 hours a day. Pre-schoolers up to pre-teens generally need 10-11 hours and by the time the teenage years roll around about 9 hours will do. Eight hours a night is what is recommended for adults.

Research shows that about 1 in 3 Canadian adults experience some form of insomnia. Some individuals find it hard to fall asleep while others have no problem falling asleep but tend to wake up many times during the night.

Research also shows that low levels of a hormone called melatonin directly affect sleep patterns. Melatonin is a hormone secreted by the pineal gland in the brain. This hormone helps to regulate other hormones which all help to regulate the body's circadian rhythm. The circadian rhythm is your body's "internal clock" that plays a crucial role in when we fall asleep and when we wake up. Studies indicate that as we age melatonin levels decrease which may explain why as we age we tend to sleep less.

Other studies conclude that melatonin supplements may help people with disrupted circadian rhythms such as people that work shift work and those with low melatonin levels to sleep better. It may assist in reducing the time it takes to fall asleep, increasing the number of sleeping hours, and boosting daytime alertness.

Other studies suggest that low melatonin levels are related to other health conditions such as breast and prostate cancer and that using a melatonin supplement may be beneficial in treating irritable bowel syndrome, reducing the frequency of seizures from epilepsy and some symptoms of menopause.

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Kimberly Hunter-Gafur, RNCP, ROHP, Holistic Health Practitioner

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1 tbsp Dijon mustard
1/2 cup olive oil
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
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1 garlic clove minced
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STREET CATS RESCUE: Cute little survivors looking for a new home

Street Cats Rescue Photo

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Feral cat population dwindling

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

The Town of Innisfil's Trap/Neuter/Release program for feral cats is already having some success, and an impact on the number of breeding animals in the wild.

By early June, Sherri Hall, of the town's animal control department, estimated that about 50% to 60% of the feral, wild-breeding cats living in three colonies in Innisfil have been trapped, neutered or spayed before being released back into the wild or adopted out.

Unfortunately, the pilot project was a little delayed getting off the ground, with the result that the volunteers launching the program have had to deal with many more litters of kittens than expected, although this will hopefully be the last year that the colonies in Sandycove, Belle Ewart and Cookstown will have new litters.

The kittens born or trapped this year are being treated by the participating veterinarians, and fostered out for eventual adoption.

The Alcona Veterinary Clinic is one of three vets participating in the program.

The clinic, located at 1070 Innisfil Beach Rd., is relatively small, but has set aside a small recovery room for the feral cats brought in for surgery. The isolation room is at the back of the clinic, far from barking dogs and far from clients' pets.

"Generally, we have the cats overnight," if they are females, notes veterinary technician Lynsay Durbano. The males, on the other hand, are generally released on the same day as their neutering because they don't take well to being caged, or near humans.

"They're generally very wild," Durbano says. "The program is actually going very smoothly. Nobody's gotten hurt: cats or people."

Up to 10 cats a week have been brought in, although the numbers have dropped in recent weeks. "They're getting too smart for the traps," says Dr. Paquette, noting that most of the animals brought in have been in surprisingly good shape.

Their 'personalities' vary, he adds.

"Some of them you can't touch, some are very friendly," she says. The friendly ones are probably pets, dumped in the wild by an owner no longer willing to care for their animal. But most are wild animals.

The cats are spayed or neutered, vaccinated for common diseases, hydrated and then their ears are notched, so that the volunteers will know at a glance that the animal has already been trapped and treated as part of the program.

Over in Cookstown, there was a twist on the program: the known colony of cats has moved, and took a little while to track down. The Cookstown Animal Clinic recently signed on to the pilot project, and so far, has provided surgery for 10 adult cats.

The biggest challenge has been trapping the wary felines, says Lee Naylor, receptionist at the Clinic, located at 17 Queen St.

She supports the concept of releasing the feral cats back into the wild. "When you spay or neuter and release them, it seems to keep the other cats from coming around," successfully leading to a reduction in cat numbers.

The Trap/Neuter/Release pilot project is a "one shot deal," notes Hall. If the success is going to continue, "we have to build a Community TNR Program," she says - with volunteers willing to form a committee, and fundraise to cover the costs of spaying and neutering, as new cats and colonies are found.

Innisfil residents get their own parking in Innisfil Beach Park

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

Residents of Innisfil will have their own parking lot at Innisfil Beach Park, and woe to any outsider who parks in Lot B, from June 28 to Sept. 28.

Vehicles without a resident's tag on display, parked in one of the 71 spaces adjacent to the Concession Stand, will be towed.

The decision to approve residents-only parking at Innisfil Beach Park on Lake Simcoe grew out of complaints that the park is so crowded during the summer months that it is impossible for the taxpayers who built the facility to find a parking space.

Mayor Barb Baguley first brought forward the motion, asking staff to look at the logistics of a residents only parking area. The report was presented on June 18 along with a price tag: $1,000 for new signage explaining that the lot is for Innisfil residents only, and $7,680 to hire security and patrol the lot turn away non-residents.

"I'm satisfied it's a good move for the residents of Innisfil," said Baguley. But several councillors were concerned about the increase to the budget.

Coun. Doug Lougheed objected to spending nearly $8,000 to hire someone "to sit at the entrance to 71 spaces." He suggested that it would only take existing staff "5 minutes to see who doesn't and who has a resident's tag," parked in the lot.

Mel Milanovic, superintendent of parks and facilities, pointed out that the department has only three staff in the park on a weekend who may be dealing with 3,000 visitors per day.

"They're limited in the duties they can do," he told council. "They find it very difficult to go around and check parking tags."

Director of legal services Jason Reynar also pointed out that the municipality has only two by-law enforcement officers on weekends for the entire municipality. They carry out a sweep of the park two times a day.

And since the designation of the lot for residents only represents a change in the rules, it was suggested that it would be advisable to have someone in authority on hand to explain the new situation to visitors, instead of towing the vehicles of visiting families.

Lougheed was still opposed. "We don't put guards out at any other area that is problematic," he said. "I think the signs are going to be good enough."

Coun. Richard Simpson was also opposed.

"Obviously there are some issues," he said, noting that it is not only the cost of signage and supervision, but lost revenues which could bring the total cost to $34,000. "I can't support this."

In a recorded vote, council voted 6 to 2 in favour of establishing the residents only lot, and paying the money for signage and a security guard.

The residents only parking lot will be up and running by the June 28 long weekend, and parks staff are hoping that Innisfil residents will take advantage of the 71 spaces now exclusively set aside for them.

Residents are still free to park elsewhere in the park, if spaces are free.

Cookstown construction is going to mean noisy nights

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

It could be noisy in the Cookstown area over the next two years.

The Ministry of Transportation has asked for, and received, permission for an exemption to the Town of Innisfil's noise by-law in order to carry out construction on Highway 89, Queen Street and Church Street during the overnight period.

From Monday to Friday, MTO will be permitted to work on the roads from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. (next day).

The goal is to minimize traffic disruption on the busy roadway, and to speed the pace of construction. Now MTO has also been granted permission to carry out the replacement of the Innisfil Creek (Glass's) Bridge, located on Highway 89 just west of 5 Sideroad, overnight.

Work on Glass's Bridge is expected to begin May 1, 2015, and continue to November 30, 2016. The noise exemption does not apply to Statutory and Civic Holiday weekends.

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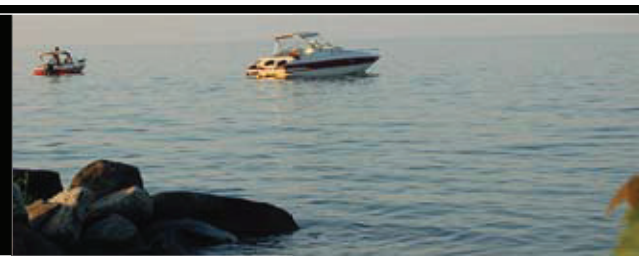

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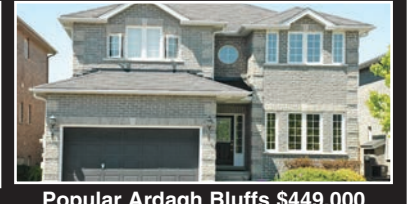

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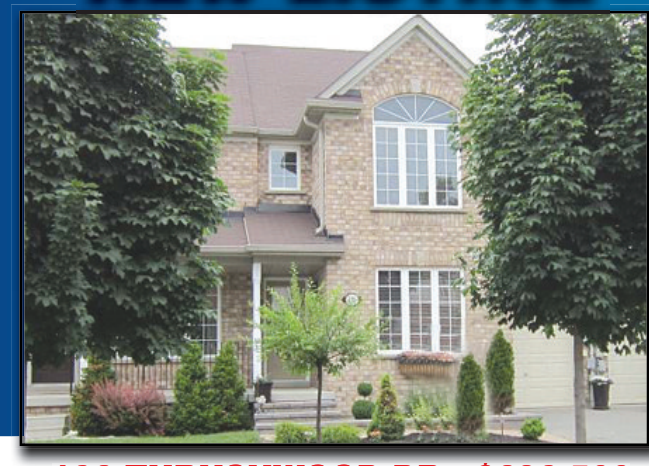

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Microwaves retain odours as well. For instant cleaning and deodorizing, sprinkle some baking soda on a damp sponge and gently wipe the inside and outside of your microwave, then rinse well.

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Survey your property – Check for damage to power or phone lines, doors and windows, as well as your roof or deck.

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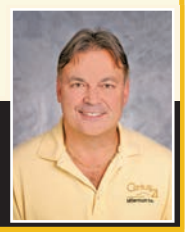

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Navigation tools for the home buying Canadian

(NC) Our first house is exciting and represents a big accomplishment, but the home buying process can be daunting without the proper preparation. Before you sign on the dotted line, take a look at these three important tips from mortgage specialists at RBC:

3 tips to help make home buying easier

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Keep your total budget in mind

Allow for a little wiggle room so that you'll have some funds in reserve for ongoing home ownership costs, your lifestyle needs and any unexpected expenses that may arise.

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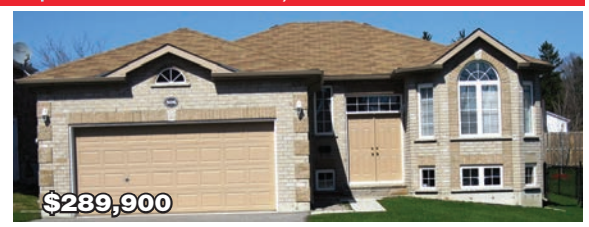

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Put safety first with DIY projects

(NC) Many more of us are rolling up our sleeves these days to tackle home improvement projects, thanks to the growing popularity of television shows, blogs, and Pinterest.

Did you know, however, that routine renovations could damage natural gas pipes and cause a leak? Before placing power tools on the wall or shovels in the ground, there are some important safety considerations that should be built into your home renovation plan.

If you have a natural gas range, fireplace, dryer or barbecue, you will have natural gas pipes running throughout your house, according to Enbridge Gas Distribution. It's important to locate these pipes before beginning any work as you could easily damage them (even during the most routine renovations) and cause a gas leak.

A licensed heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) contractor should identify all hidden piping before you begin your project. If natural gas pipelines must be moved, this work must be conducted by an HVAC contractor – this should never be attempted on your own.

Natural gas pipes, lines and cables are also buried underground outside your home. Any outdoor projects like building a deck, installing a fence or planting a tree requires calling before you dig.

Digging in the wrong spot could cause serious damage, injury or death. You might also cut off service to the entire neighbourhood or receive a costly fine. To find out where it's safe to dig, call Ontario One Call at 1-800-400-2255 at least five days before starting your project. This free underground utility locating service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

While renovating, keep in mind that your natural gas appliances need room to breathe. If you're adding partitions or walls near your furnace, water heater or other natural gas appliances, ensure that they have an adequate air supply. An HVAC contractor can help you evaluate the situation and provide expert advice on how to safely execute your plan.

Installing insulation, using solvents or chemical strippers, and sanding and refinishing may release dust, flying particles, toxic fumes or other contaminants. To stay safe, make sure you have protective clothing, including safety goggles and masks.

Remember, natural gas smells like rotten eggs. If you smell gas at any point during your renovation, leave the area and call the utility's emergency number from outside or from a neighbour's home.

More information on renovation safety can be found at www.sixsecondsafety.com.

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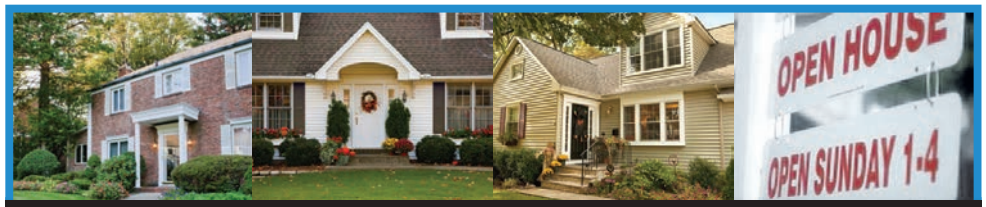

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How to spend less on natural gas

(NC) With thermostats turned down and windows pushed open, many Ontarians are not thinking about their natural gas bills in summer months. However, according to Enbridge Gas Distribution, next to home heating, the greatest source of natural gas costs comes from heating water and swimming pools.

To use less energy and save money after an unusually long and cold winter, here are a few ways to do it:

Turn your thermostat down. Before opening your windows to enjoy the warm summer breeze, remember to lower the temperature on your thermostat or turn it off completely.

Use ceiling fans. The air flow created by ceiling fans can cool a room. Ceiling fans also lessen the reliance on air conditioning.

Keep drapes and shades closed. Even if your windows are closed, they can still let a lot of heat into your home. When it's hot outside, close your drapes and shades to keep your house cool.

Use a solar blanket on your pool. Cover your pool overnight to keep the water warm and reduce water evaporation.

Wash clothing in cold water. Hot water is rarely needed to clean your laundry.

Install low-flow showerheads. Consider installing low-flow showerheads to help reduce water consumption and lower natural gas use.

Keep your furnace filter clean: Make sure your furnace is working at peak efficiency by cleaning or replacing the filter regularly. A clean filter will help a central air conditioner provide better air flow throughout your house.

Plug the leaks: Use the nice weather as an opportunity to weatherize your home. Small changes, such as caulking or weather-stripping doors and windows, can provide energy savings when the weather cools. More significant changes, like installing Energy Star windows, will help keep the cool air in during the warmer months.

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"It's important to be armed with the right questions when you're dealing with a door-to-door salesperson. If you know the right questions to ask, you can avoid getting talked into something you don't need," says John Macdonald, president and CEO of EnerCare Inc., a leading provider of energy efficient products, including water heater rentals. "Too often we hear about customers who were taken advantage of by a door-to-door salesperson because the customer was unsure of what they were actually being sold."

Here are some important questions to ask the next time a door-to-door salesperson comes knocking:

- What company do you represent?
- Can I see your ID?
- How long have you been in business?
- How many licensed technicians do you have?
- What are the contract cancellation fees?
- Can you leave the contract so I can review on my own time?

If the salesperson resists providing any of this information, you should be wary of their motives. Remember, you do not have to sign anything on the spot, so be sure to take your time reviewing all of the information provided. It is also recommended to call your current provider before signing anything to ensure that you have all the facts.

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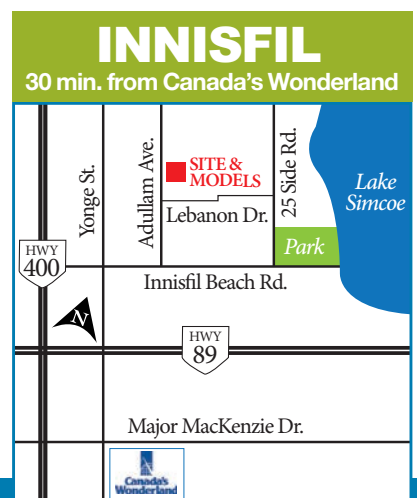

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Keep energy efficiency on your house hunting radar

(NC) If you're getting ready to buy a new home this summer, energy efficiency is an important element to keep in mind. While it may not be as a glamorous as planning the new paint colour or décor, energy costs should be on the list of items you evaluate at any potential new property.

You may think the only utility consideration is providing advance notice to open or update your account, but energy costs can vary significantly depending on the size of the home, your family and usage—and the type of fuel.

In Ontario, natural gas is most commonly used for home and water heating and while it is a cost-effective option over alternatives like electricity and oil, the costs are still an important factor in your monthly budget planning.

If you get a sense of the costs early it can prevent unwanted surprises later – and fortunately there are a few ways to estimate and understand your energy costs before you sign on the dotted line:

Estimate your average monthly bills. Ask the seller for past utility bills or amounts.

Consider the appliances. What stays and what will be replaced? Energy-efficient equipment is an investment in the value of your home, and the cost may be reduced through energy rebates – search online for details and current offers. Also, ask about current rental equipment and the terms of existing agreements.

Find out if an energy audit has been done: This will provide useful information on the home's energy efficiency. It may also provide a list of things to help keep energy costs as low as possible. If an audit has not been done in a while, schedule one in advance to help you make an informed decision. The details on incentives for qualifying home buyers and sellers can be found at www.knowyourenergyscore.ca.

Once you've made your new home selection, visit your local utilities' websites to find not only additional energy efficiency information, but also instructions on how to ensure your service is set up properly.

Most companies require at least three days' notice of the move and you'll likely have a few online forms to fill out. At the same time, you can see if they offer a paperless billing option to help avoid cluttering your new home with paper mail.

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Walking for the water

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

At the turn of a tap, the water gushes out: a mechanized system of delivery that is so far removed from the streams, rivers and lakes that it is easy to forget the connection, and the responsibility to preserve clean water for future generations.

The Mother Earth Water Walk, 'Waawaase'aagaming', is all about restoring that connection, and remembering that responsibility.

In 2003, Grandmother Josephine Mandamin of Three Fires Lodge of the Midewewin Society, Anishinaabe Nation, first began walking for the water by carrying a copper kettle filled with water, accompanied by an eagle staff, and saying prayers along the way. The kettle of water represents life; the eagle staff, the connection to the Creator: a reminder that without water, there is no life.

Mandamin, a member of the Fish Clan, explains that women have a responsibility to preserve the water, because women are caregivers, and give birth. "We are all water. We are born of water. We are all water people. We are all water carriers. We carry water within us," she says. "We have a duty to care for the water."

Since 2003, she has walked over 17,000 km. and was the inspiration for Becky Big Canoe to organize the Waawaase'aagaming Water Walk this year. Waawaase'aagaming is the First Nations name for Lake Simcoe.

"We wish to raise awareness of the vulnerability of the lakes to the increasing pressures put on them," says Becky - the sewage effluent, pollution, stormwater runoff, invasive species, waste dumped by boaters and ice anglers, hazardous material spills.

A core group of walkers, including her sister Deanna, Tammy Charles, Denise Charbonneau and other Anishinaabe women and men started walking on June 23, on Georgina Island. Walking in relays of two, they expect to complete the circuit around Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching by July 2, finishing up in Virginia Beach.

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The core group of Waawaase'aagaming Water Walkers were at the Innisfil home of Ken and Andrea Simpson on Wednesday. Standing around Grandmother Josephine Mandamin, from right, organizer Becky Big Canoe, George Steel, Tammy Charles, Denise Charbonneau, Faith and Deanna Big Canoe and Dave Silvestre.

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On the Waawaase'aagaming Water Walk, Denise Charbonneau (Spirit White Bear) carries a copper kettle of water, and George Steel carries the eagle staff on Yonge Street in Bradford on Wednesday on their way around lakes Simcoe and Couchiching.

"It's a great thing that my sister started," says Deanna, remembering that as a child, Lake Simcoe was so clear and clean that she could drink directly out of the lake. Now, even this early in the season, the beach on Georgina Island is closed due to high levels of bacteria.

The walkers need to walk at least 25 kilometres per day to meet their goal, in spite of sore feet, hot sun, and pouring rain. The walk was cut short on June 24, when severe weather and thunderstorms rolled through the area, but resumed the next day.

"It's an honour and a privilege to be walking for the water," says "kokum" Denise Charbonneau, whose First Nations name translates as Spirit White Bear. "For me, it's about saying thank you for the rain, thank you for those Thunderbirds that came out last night - because that's related to the water, thank you for the lake..."

The walkers reached Innisfil on June 25, and were welcomed to the home of Ken and Andrea Simpson, where they were greeted by local residents, including Barbara Love and Marj Mossman - who have been working to have Lake Simcoe declared a Heritage Lake.

"All of us have to take responsibility, to look after it for future generations," protecting what's here, says Mossman. "It's our lake."

The Water Walkers hope that there will be more dialogue, as they pass through the communities around the lakes - a greater realization of how precious water is, and how important it is to preserve the lakes for future generations.

"My grandmother always told me to respect water," says Josephine, encouraging people to fast, and become more mindful of how they use a precious resource.

The Walk is not only spiritual, but practical; Becky Big Canoe is hoping to raise money to better equip and train local fire departments to respond to hazardous spills and other threats to the lakes. For more information see www.motherearthwaterwalk.com; to make a donation, see www.gofundme/7zn454

The Walkers will be in Barrie, at the Barrie Native Friendship Centre on Thursday evening, and expect to be joined by other walkers on the next leg of the journey.

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Community Bulletin

JUNE 27, 2014

Town Council Meetings

Wednesday, July 9, 2014
- 6:30 pm Public Meeting – 5211 & 5231 11th Line, Pt 2 Con 11 (Weening)
- 6:30 pm Public Meeting – Ontario Municipal Board – Proposed Minutes of Settlement – 1124, 1130, 1136 Innisfil Beach Road (Abandel Group)
- 7:15 pm Regular Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 13, 2014
- 7:15 pm Regular Council Meeting

Meetings subject to change. Please visit the Town's website to view the most updated listing.

Board/Committee Meetings

Heritage Committee
July 3, 2014 at 7 p.m., Town Hall, Community Rooms B &C

Committee of Adjustment
July 10, 2014 at 1:30 p.m., Town Hall, Council Chambers

Community Health Committee
July 17, 2014 at 1:30 p.m., Town Hall Community Rooms B&C

Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board
July 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., Innisfil Town Hall, Community Room

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Tenders/Bid Opportunities

Town of Innisfil competitive bid opportunities can be accessed by visiting http://www.biddingo.com/innisfil

Innisfil Public Library

The Innisfil Public Library offers something for everybody, from infants to senior citizens. Please take a look at our upcoming programs. Call your local branch or go to **www.innisfil.library.on.ca** for more information.

Lakeshore: 431-7410
Stroud: 436-1681
Cookstown: 458-1273
Churchill: 456-2671

Tax Bill Reminder

Property Tax Bills Have Been Mailed.

Tax installment due Friday June 27.

Got questions? Call 705-436-3710

Notice

Intent to Pass a By-law To Stop up and Close a Road (Christie Street)

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Innisfil intends to consider a by-law to stop up and close an unused highway (lane) and remove the dedication of a highway (lane) pursuant to Section 34 of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001*.

Council will consider the by-law at the regular Council meeting on **July 9, 2014 at 7:15 p.m.** in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, 2101 Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil.

In general terms the Road Closure By-law will permit restricted access for maintenance purposes. The subject land is described as PIN: 58077-0179 (LT), being Part Block A, Plan 1438 (Christie Street) between 10th Line and Chestnut Street, shown on the key map below.

Dated at the Town of Innisfil this 20th day of June, 2014
Karen Fraser
Acting Clerk
Town of Innisfil
2101 Innisfil Beach Road
Innisfil ON L9S 1A1

Parking Permits

Farmers' Market

Town Offices Closed for Canada Day

Town of Innisfil offices will be open Monday June 30th, closed on Tuesday July 1st for Canada Day and will re-open on Wednesday July 2nd for regular business hours.

Twin Towns Survey

No Smoking By-law In Effect

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Canada Day Collection

Canada Day Holiday

County of Simcoe

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WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES HOURS
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